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In re: Application of : Graham BUTLER, et al.
Serial No. : 09/450,055 Group Art Unit: 2828
Filed : November 29, 1999 Examiner: C. Jackson
For : METHODS OF CONTROLLING A
LASER IN A WDM APPLICATION

New York, New York
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 13, 2002, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Invention I, claims 32-52, drawn to the method of controlling a laser module.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. The apparatus claims 53-59 are essentially identical to originally filed apparatus claims 23-31 for

which the Examiner has already issued an office action on the merits. No extra burden would be imposed on the Patent Office if claims 53-59 were retained in this application.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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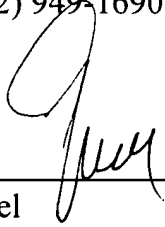
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